

BLOOMINGTON YOUTH BASKETBALL



Bloomington Youth Basketball Parents Code of Conduct

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As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of youngsters. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help assure that all boys and girls learn

good sportsmanship and self-discipline. Bloomington Youth Basketball teaches young people how to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat – all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD! By giving encouragement and showing interest in their team, you help your child work toward skill improvement and good. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory – that way your child will always be a winner regardless of the outcome of the game!

ALWAYS BE POSITIVE! Parents serve as role models for their children. Become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team.

REMEMBER: YOUR CHILD WANTS TO HAVE FUN! Remember that your child is playing basketball, not you. It's very important to let children establish their own goals – to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them. Don't put too heavy a burden on your child to win games. Children play for the fun of playing.

REINFORCE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR! Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes mistakes. If your child makes one, remember, it's all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

DON'T BE A SIDELINE COACH OR REFEREE! Coaches and referees are usually parents just like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's experience a positive one. They need your support too. That means refraining from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. Never question or dispute a call made by a referee. Further, use only language that is positive.

Sit back and enjoy your child's experience!